

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

WITCH STORY IS
AILED IN COURT

Infant's Illness Was Due to
Curse, Says Mother Al-
leged to be Insane.

Superstition of the Pilgrims in burning Anna Hutchinson at the stake at Salem, Mass., for witchcraft in the 17th century, has nothing on the practice being carried on among some residents in the west end at the present time according to revelations made at the sanity inquest of Beronica Bykowski, 1810 Longley av.

Here is the story as told in Justice Wypysynski's court during the sanity inquest:

The four-months-old son of Mrs. Bykowski was dying. Six physicians had been called and the babe, but none could prescribe medicine that would restore it to health. So one day an insurance man came along. He told her that there was a woman by the name of Gottlieb Borkowska, 1542 Poland st., who could cure the babe.

So the mother went to see the woman. She examined the ailing baby carefully, declaring that the symptoms were of tuberculosis, but further added that the main trouble with the infant son was that he was bewitched. She would drive the witchery from the boy, and then health would return.

The prescription included all sorts of weird and mysterious things. Gottlieb Borkowska told the boy's mother that a neighbor, Mary Drankiewicz, was responsible and that she was a witch. She told the mother that she must invite Mrs. Drankiewicz into her home and take her shawl away from her, cast it into the stove, first placing the shawl in water. If the shawl burned readily, and if the smoke went up the chimney, then the witchcraft was being cast out of the babe.

Further she must slap Mrs. Drankiewicz until the blood flowed and then gather up a teaspoon of the life substance. If the child took the blood, then was it cured.

The mother, temporarily insane over her love for the baby boy, invited the old woman into the home. The assault took place and the mother followed out the instructions.

Then the neighbor came to Justice Wypysynski. She thought the mother insane. An inquest was held and the mother freed.

The mother was charged \$3 fee according to her own story. Now comes the information that there are many people working the same sort of practice in the west end.

Prosecutions are to follow it is understood, the charge being practicing medicine without a license. Physicians state that such cases are frequently brought to their attention.

ROTARIANS GUESTS AT
ELECTRICAL DINNER

Announcement Made That Eighth
District Meeting Will be
Held Here.

South Bend will entertain the eighth district of the Rotary club in February, according to an announcement made at an electrical dinner, served by the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. for the members of the Rotary club at the weekly luncheon at the Oliver hotel Wednesday noon. Wednesday's luncheon was similar to the one served for the members of the press at the electrical show last Saturday.

Guests of the club were James W. Stickney of Indianapolis, Herbert C. Angster of Chicago, district governor of the Rotary clubs, James O. Crag, president of the Chicago club, and William P. Bruckner of Chicago. Talks were given by each one.

Tables for the luncheon were arranged in an oblong. Demonstrations from the electrical show cooked the food at the tables. After the dinner, a vote of regrets was taken that Andrew Anderson and James DuShane, who built the first electrical plant in this city, could not be present.

WILL PRESENT OPERATTA
"Hiawatha's Childhood" to be Given
at High School.

"Hiawatha's Childhood," an operetta, will be produced by the seventh and eighth grades of the grammar school at the high school auditorium on Friday evening, Dec. 10. The words for the play were taken from Longfellow's "Hiawatha," while the music was written by Miss Bessie Whitley, who resided among the Indians to get a better idea of their music. She lived for some time among the Indians on Vancouver's Island and the Omaha Indians.

Besides the operetta there will be a number of other musical selections. Mary Torok will lead the eighth grade chorus. Nelson Dodge and Lester Hurwich will sing a duet, "The Sun Worshipers."

Disposed of Cases.
16415 and 16416—George T. Thorward vs. South Bend Home Telephone Co., assignment of stock, conveyed from St. Joseph circuit to Elkhart superior.

Pork Sausage, pure country made, 10 cents a pound. Buchler Bros., 410 W. Wayne.

TO HOLD INDOOR PICNIC

Affair Will be Held at the First M.
E. Church Thursday.

All members of the First M. E. church have been invited to attend an indoor picnic to be given in the church parlors at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening. Lunches will be brought by each person and will be served in picnic fashion. Coffee will be provided at the church. Following the lunch, there will be a program and music by the orchestra. The affair is one of a series of entertainments to be given by the adult department of the Sunday school during the winter.

MYE TAKES STAND
IN DAMAGE SUIT

Testifies to Improvements and
Fixtures in Restaurant
Before Collapse.

Long Mye, Chinese restaurant proprietor, and plaintiff in the case of Mye vs. the Independent five and ten-cent store, took the stand Tuesday afternoon in his own behalf. The case is one in which Mye is attempting to collect about \$7,000 damages on his fixtures and business which was ruined by the collapse of a building Jan. 3, 1914, at 112-114 S. Michigan st.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the lawsuit which is the second hearing are attempting to show the damage to Mye's business. Mye was injured in the collapse of the building and was in the hospital for several weeks, but he is not seeking to recover for his own injuries. Mye testified through an interpreter as to the fixtures which he owned and the improvements he had made in the restaurant. He charges in his complaint that the improvements and fixtures were worth \$4,565.35. The loss to his business and on the lease of the rooms where the restaurant was conducted he estimated at \$2,500.

Seven civil suits arose out of the collapse of the building, but this is the first to be tried. The first trial gave the plaintiff a judgment of a little over \$2,000, but the court ordered a new trial on the contention of the defense that the nature of the damages were not made specific enough. Another suit similar to the one now being tried is set for this week, but it is doubtful if the court will be able to hear it because of the number of cases preceding.

A southwestern paper answering a question about high and low record cotton prices said that in 1866 the highest price was 52 cents and the lowest 32 cents, while since that time cotton has dropped as low as 5-16 cents in 1893.

Bertha Krupp von Bohlen's fortune is estimated at \$125,000,000.

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WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Laurel Civic Club Will Meet Thurs-
day Night.

Election of officers and an address by Shepherd Lefler on "What We Know About Our Government" will be the principal features of the meeting of the Laurel Civic club at the school Thursday night. Other numbers on the program follow: Piano solo, Dorothy Fewell; alumna three-step, high school girls; vocal solo, Doris Bill; Spanish dance, Laurel school children; recitation, Pearl Ross.

The regular meeting of the Franklin Civic club will be held at the school Monday night.

END HEARING WEDNESDAY
Interstate Commerce Examiner
Completes Work Here.

Hearings on freight rate matters before Examiner Horton of the United States interstate commerce commission were completed late Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce. Routine testimony in the applications for lower traffic and reparation in some instances by South Bend lumber firms who appear against several prominent railroad lines, figured throughout Tuesday and Wednesday's hearings.

Following the receding of testimony, the commission will take under advisement evidence of both sides in the respective controversies, and a decision may be expected within the next 30 or 60 days.

POSTPONEMENT IS ASKED
City is Against Delay in Electric
Rate Hearing.

City Atty. Eli F. Seebirt is in Indianapolis today appearing before the state public utilities commission in opposition to an effort being made by the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. to postpone the rate hearing set for Jan. 3. The electric company is represented by McInerney & Yeagley. City Atty. Seebirt is not opposed to continuing the hearing for one or two weeks, but was instructed by Mayor Keller to light any attempt to continue the hearing for any long period of time.

REMOVE TO WALKERTON
Edwin R. Monroe Will be Cashier
of New Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Monroe, 602 Cottage Grove av., left Wednesday for Walkerton, Ind., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Monroe has accepted a position there as cashier of the Farmer's State bank. He was formerly identified in South Bend with the International Harvester Co.

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HIGGINS' HOTEL
OPEN TO GUESTS

Mark of 4,234 For 1914 is
Expected to be Better-
ed by Jan. 1.

Business at the "Higgins' hotel" at the city hall has not been so rushing during the past month as in November, 1914, but according to the prediction made by Harry E. Joseph, clerk of the board of safety and keeper of the municipal lodging house "register," the free tavern will do as well in the present 12 months as it did the previous year.

During the past 30 days 246 "weary willies" and "knights of the road" were entertained by the city compared to 282 during November a year ago. Thus far this year 2,479 guests have stayed at the lodging house and Clerk Josephson believes that the 4,234 for 1914 will be bettered in 1915. During last December 1,070 visitors registered at the "Higgins' hotel" and with a bit of cool weather it is anticipated as large a number will apply this month.

"Repeaters" are discouraged in their efforts to violate the rules of the hotel which provides but for one night's entertainment. The night sergeants are being very careful about this and those who return for second night's lodging are very often refused, unless the officials be in a tender-hearted mood.

The lodging house has been slightly remodeled for the season, all of the bunks being torn out, thus permitting the guests to lie upon the floors and not be bothered by disagreeable occupants.

MISHAWAKA CALLS
FOR MORE STICKERS

Red Cross Stamps Will be Well Ad-
vertised—Have Special
Reels.

Advertising for the purpose of boosting the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals is beginning to show at St. Joseph county centers, and allotments of stamps are being made, to be sent out Saturday in preparation for the opening of the campaign Monday, Dec. 6. At a meeting of directors of the St. Joseph County Anti-Tuberculosis society Wednesday afternoon plans for the campaign were discussed, along with other routine business.

Mishawaka has already started the sale of seals, club women of the neighborhood city canvassing for bulk purchases. From over the state reports of sales increasing daily are being received at the South Bend league quarters. Fort Wayne, as last year, is instigating South Bend aspirants for a record seal sale to extra efforts with reports from the southern city to the effect uncomparable interests is being taken in the campaign.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

From the Records of the Indiana
Title & Loan Co.

John Ulrich and wife to Lucy A. Benedict et al., land in Liberty township, \$1.

Commercial Athletic club, a corp., organized in 1915, 245 and 246, O. P. South Bend, \$1.

William R. Baker et al. to The Building and Loan association of South Bend, Ind.

Oliver H. Clark and wife to Thomas A. Bless, 115, Battle's second addition, \$500.

Claude D. Ulery et al. to Ira A. Finch and Russell W. Geyer, land in Clay township, \$4,467.

Edward Huss to Roscoe M. Nicholson, land in Harris township, \$1.

Ference Horvath and wife to Walter A. Finley and wife, N. 1-2 lot 14, W. J. Lewis first addition, \$1.

Harry Brazz and wife to Dees Prika, 135, LaSalle park, \$200.

Edith Dahmen and husband to Anna Gies and husband, und. 1-2 No. 2, shown in recorded plat of Berner Grove, \$1.

Anna Gies and husband to Henry O. Dahmen and husband, und. 1-2 int. in lot 4, George L. Frantz second addition, \$2,500.

Edith Dahmen and husband to Amelia Gosline, tr., und. 1-2 interest in lot 4, in Frantz's second addition, \$1.

Amelia Gosline to Henry O. Dahmen and wife, same as